

Uproar In Congress.

The House Fails to Pass the Seigniorage Bill Over the President's Veto.

Speaker Crisp's Sharp Practice Does the Work and the Republican Members are in a Rage.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 4.—One of the most remarkable scenes ever witnessed in Congress was witnessed to-day when Bland's seigniorage bill was railroaded to defeat. The Republicans were astounded and the roll call was ordered. They were aware of what was going on. Reed, amid a terrific uproar, made a fruitless attempt to secure recognition from the Speaker, while the sharp practice of Speaker Crisp suppressed all debate and the protests of the Republicans and Silver Champions were disregarded. As soon as the House met, the Republicans commenced their filibustering tactics against the seating of Hillborn, and when the seigniorage bill voted by the President was called up, Tracy of New York raised the question of consideration against it and Mr. Bayley made the point of order that the constitution required the consideration of a bill returned with a veto, and that the question of consideration therefore should not be raised against it. The Speaker sustained the point of order. From all quarters of the Democratic side there seemed to be a general desire to avoid the coldest of opinion involved, and Mr. Bland's suggestion of three days debate was met with a chorus of cries of "Vote, Vote." Then followed one of the most remarkable scenes witnessed in the House in many years. The Republicans were cheered out of their chairs of seeing the dissenters in the Democratic ranks, thoroughly aired. Tracy, who was standing in a side aisle, said that as far as the Democrats of the minority of the coinage committee were concerned, they were willing to take a vote immediately. This statement was received with shouts of approval from the Democratic side. Stone replied, after conferring a moment with those about him on the Republican side, that the debate in the House when the seigniorage bill was passed had been so limited, that he was unwilling to vote on any agreement to close the debate at this time. When he ceased speaking there was a great confusion on the floor; members on both sides were conferring in groups. The Speaker with uplifted hand viewed the House for a moment. Bland expressed a willingness to have the vote taken immediately. Reed, Dingley and Stone were in consultation on the left of the Speaker's rostrum, as it afterward appeared. They agreed that Dingley should make the opening argument for his side. Meanwhile, no one addressed the chair, and the Speaker stated the question to be on the motion to pass the bill, the President's veto notwithstanding. "On this" said he, looking down upon the confusion on the floor, "the constitution requires that the vote shall be taken by ayes and nays." He hesitated. Still all on the floor continued engrossed with the programme of the coming debate. The Speaker said, "All those in favor of nays say 'aye'." He continued, "contrary to." Again he paused but no one answered, and with a bang of the gavel he said, "the clerk will call the roll."

"Mr. Allen," began the clerk. "There was a gasp of astonishment on the part of the Republicans as they awakened to find the roll call in progress. The Democrats who were anxious to see the debate suppressed were overjoyed. Amid a great uproar, a dozen Republicans jumped to their feet and clamored for recognition. They saw the coveted opportunity of exposing to the public gaze, the dissensions in the camp of the enemy, slipping away from them. They fought hard. The confusion was so great the clerk got no further than the first name. Reed here tried to get in a word but was squelched. A dozen Republicans protested but the Speaker disregarded them. The relations between the two parties were becoming very strained. The Speaker offered an unsatisfactory explanation of his unusual proceedings. The Republicans, led by Mr. Reed, were appealing for recognition amid shouts of regular order from the Democratic side. The excitement was intense. "I want the Speaker to understand this matter," said Mr. Reed finally. "The Speaker does understand it," retorted the Speaker sharply; "and the Speaker desires the clerk to assume the roll call." A burst of Democratic cheers greeted him. "Mr. Reed, the chair will not allow the roll call to be interfered with." "The Speaker has not heard my colleague's statements," persisted Mr. Reed. "The gentleman will take his seat," continued the Speaker, "the gentleman will be seated; nothing will be accomplished by this resistance." "There is no resistance Mr. Speaker, but—" "The gentleman will take his seat and the clerk will call the roll," Mr. Reed sat down, but immediately jumped to his feet again; he would not surrender without a protest. "Mr. Speaker," he said defiantly, "I ask to be heard." "The chair declines to hear the gentleman, the clerk will proceed to call the roll." "Will the Speaker hear a word?" "The chair will not," "My colleague states"—"The chair will not hear the gentleman, the clerk will proceed to call the roll." The uproar was terrific and above the din Mr. Boutelle shouted, "I shall decline to cast my vote in such a condition of confusion as this." Mr. Burrow attempted to address the chair, while Mr. Williams of Washington cried, "tyranny, tyranny," but the Speaker would not listen and ordered the clerk to proceed with the roll call. Once or twice afterwards Mr. Burrows and Mr. Reed attempted to

address the chair and the Speaker declared emphatically he would not hear them and that the roll call could not be interrupted. The Republicans were besides themselves with anger. They refused to vote on the first roll call. The anti-silver Democrats were in despair as the first roll call gave the silver men the necessary two-thirds. Finally after a consultation they agreed to vote, and did vote on the second roll call. This turned the tide, and upon the final vote it was found that the motion to pass the bill over the President's veto, had failed.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

BERLIN, April 1.—Prince Bismarck celebrated his seventy-fifth anniversary to-day. At an early hour the band of the Laurenburg rifles and the Altma Choral society proceeded to Prince Bismarck's residence at Friedrichsruhe and serenaded him. Throughout the day constant streams of telegrams, letters, gifts and presents of flowers had poured into Friedrichsruhe.

BUDAPEST, April 1.—An immense crowd of people from all parts of Hungary and many from Austria are in the city. The great centre of attraction was the National Museum, in which the body of Kossuth is lying in state. It is estimated that at least 150,000 people of all classes viewed the remains.

NEW YORK, March 31.—One of the bookkeepers of the American Exchange National Bank, is missing, and so is \$23,000 of the bank's money. The name of the missing bookkeeper is Gustav Hagen. C. E. Bartholomew is charged with being accessory to the embezzlement, and is in the London street jail.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The President's veto of the Bland bill has resulted in a proposition for a national convention for the West and South, to form a new political party, based on the demand for the free coinage of silver. The proposition comes from certain radical Democratic Congressmen, who believe the time has arrived when the party's salvation in the West and South demands that it should repudiate once and forever Eastern Democratic policies. The Western and Southern Democrats who are at the head of this movement declare the veto of the Bland bill shows that the Administration has set its face to ward the single gold standard.

Representative Coffey to-day introduced a bill for the free and unlimited coinage of silver dollars of 412 1/2 grains.

POCAHONTAS, W. Va., March 31.—Hugh Fleming was assassinated yesterday about noon. He was one of the firm of Fleming Brothers, large sheep ranchers at American Falls where the assassination took place. He was shot four times from ambush. No idea to the murderers yet. Fleming was leading his sheep when he was killed. It is reported there is no doubt that the killing was done by some one connected with the stock ranches, as there has been trouble existing between the Fleming Brothers and some cattlemen on account of the cattlemen objecting to the herding of sheep in this vicinity.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Mr. J. Ellen Foster was at the Capitol with her delegation of wage-earning women from New England, to ask for a hearing before the Senate Committee on Finance on the tariff bill. She was granted an interview by Senator Voorhees, the chairman of the committee, who received her courteously but declined to give the delegation a hearing. After the refusal of Chairman Voorhees, Mr. Foster sought out the Republican members of the committee, who agreed to grant a hearing to the delegation and a meeting was held for the purpose.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 30.—As a result of two great snow slides on Canyon Creek in the Clear Fork of the Snake to-day, three families, consisting of from twelve to fourteen persons, were mangled and bruised beneath thousands of tons of snow and any possibility of any of them being rescued alive is impossible.

A girl in Phoenix Arizona, lighted a fire with kerosene recently and it is said she may recover but her own relatives would fail to recognize her.

On the first of next July the new law in regard to money orders goes into effect. Instead of postal notes the new bill creates a money order system by which orders can be obtained at rates as low as those now charged by express companies. For orders not exceeding \$2.50 the charge is three cents, and the fee increases until it is thirty cents for sums over \$75 and under \$100.—Ex.

Senator John P. Jones resents the assertion of the San Francisco Chronicle that he is a silver Republican by the following clear out, ringing declaration against the two gold-bug parties: "Any man who advocates the success of either of these old parties thereby ratifies, confirms and endorses the demoralization of silver, and their protestations to the contrary are simply shams, pretenses and frauds, emanating from such only as place party above country, and the federal pin counter above general prosperity."

Pass these refreshing words along the silver battle line and fire them into the ranks of the deluded hosts who pretend to be friendly to silver, but who march under the Wall Street flag of the two old party combinations.—Va. Chronicle.

We are informed by one in authority that affairs will be soon be arranged between the Atlantic and Pacific and the Nevada Southern that two latter roads will bring a condition to continue its work of construction. To those who thought seriously on the matter, and who took both sides of the question under consideration, this will not be a surprise. It is generally felt that the management of the Atlantic and Pacific, in placing an attachment on the road, did what it was utterly impossible for them to avoid and that as soon as possible the matter would be settled up, the Nevada Southern meanwhile to be inconvenienced as little as possible. The result has proved the correctness of that theory, and it has also proved that Vanderbilt and the Nevada Southern have strong friends in the managers of the Atlantic and Pacific. Had it been otherwise, they would have shown less of a desire to arrange matters quickly and harmoniously.—Vanderbilt Shatt.



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